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Contra Costa County Redistricting Process Holds Third Public Hearing on October 19, 2021 at 6:15 PM

(Martinez, CA) – Contra Costa County's Redistricting effort is a once-a-decade process of redrawing the boundaries for Supervisorial districts after the U.S. Census. As part of that process, the County's third public hearing on Redistricting will be held starting at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

Redistricting is the regular process of adjusting the lines of voting districts in response to accordance with population shifts within the County. Every ten years, after the decennial census, supervisorial districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process is important in ensuring that each Supervisor represents about the same number of people.

Redistricting is based on the U.S. Census data, which was released in legacy format on August 12, 2021. The actual drawing of Supervisorial District Maps requires the official California State Adjusted Redistricting data, which was released September 20, 2021 and includes updated data to ensure that individuals in the prison population are counted by each jurisdiction.

The County Board of Supervisors will hold the third Public Hearing about the Redistricting process on October 19, 2021 to include: update on public input on community of interests; staff to review over/under population; present publicly drawn maps received to date; review the criteria for adopting redistricting maps; present five conceptual drafts of supervisorial maps; and receive direction from the Board of Supervisors.

"The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors welcomes your engagement and input in this important process," said Board Chair, Supervisor Diane Burgis. "We are committed to a robust Redistricting and public outreach process with public hearings, a dedicated website at CoCoRedistricting.org, and public workshops."

Upcoming virtual Online Mapping Workshops to demonstrate the easy-to-use mapping tools will be held on October 13, 2021 at 4 pm (held in Spanish) and October 14, 2021 at 2 pm. A series of Community Redistricting Workshops to be held in each region of the County will take place October 20 – 29, 2021. To register for mapping workshops and to learn more, visit CoCoRedistricting.org.

The third Redistricting Public Hearing will start at **6:15 pm on October 19, 2021** during the Board of Supervisors meeting. The hearing will be held via Zoom and can be viewed online at www.contracosta.ca.gov and on Contra Costa Television channels Comcast Cable 27, ATT/U-verse 99, and WAVE 32. For details, see Notice of Public Hearing. To request accommodations for language translation, please send an email request 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

For more information about Redistricting and how to provide input, visit www.cocoredistricting.org or the County website's homepage at www.contracosta.ca.gov.

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